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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CASC: ELLIOTT, LEWIS  
SUBJ: POST ASSISTANCE TO LEWIS ELLIOTT

REF: STATE 78333

1. MR LEWIS ELLIOTT HAS VISITED THE CONSULAR SECTION SEVERAL TIMES CONCERNING HIS PROBLEM WITH HIS BOAT. HIS STATEMENT THAT HE HAS RECEIVED NO ASSISTANCE IS ENTIRELY UNTRUE. THE FACTS OF THE CASE APPEAR TO BE THESE: HIS BOAT WAS IN DISTRESS ON THE HIGH SEAS AND TOWED TO THE PORT OF HAINA. THE COMPANY WHICH DID THE TOWING - NOT RPT NOT THE DOMINICAN AUTHORITIES - EMBARGOED THE BOAT FOR PAYMENT OF TOWING CHARGES. ELLIOT AND HIS LAWYER CAME TO THE CONSULATE TO SEEK ASSISTANCE AND THE CONSULAR OFFICER ENLISTED THE HELP OF THE FISCAL (THE DOMINICAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY) FOR LEGAL ADVICE AS TO THE BEST WAY TO PROCEED. AS A RESULT OF ACTION TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS LEGAL ADVICE THE ORIGINAL EMBARGO WAS LIFTED BUT QUICKLY REPLACED BY ANOTHER. HOWEVER, THE FIRST EMBARGO DEMANDED THE PAYMENT OF \$12,500 AND THE SECOND EMBARGO DEMANDED ONLY THE PAYMENT OF \$2,600. ON HIS NEXT VISIT TO THE CONSULAR SECTION MR ELLIOT TOLD THE CONSULAR OFFICER THAT HE HAD AGREED TO PAY THE \$2,600 BUT THAT HE HAD NO FUNDS AND HE REQUESTED A LOAN FROM THE EMBASSY. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE EMBASSY HAD NO FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO SEEK THE MONEY THROUGH PRIVATE CHANNELS. ON HIS LAST VISIT TO THE CONSULAR SECTION HE COMPLAINED THAT HIS BOAT WAS BEING VANDALIZED;

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THE CONSULAR OFFICER DIRECTED HIM TO THE COL OF POLICE IN CHARGE OF CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY AND AT THE SAME TIME TOLD ELLIOTT THAT THE EMBASSY WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE GUARD SERVICE FOR HIS BOAT.

2. MR ELLIOTT IS INVOLVED IN A PRIVATE LEGAL DISPUTE AND APPEARS UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE EMBASSY CANNOT SERVE

AS HIS LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE; NOR CAN IT ASSUME FINANCIAL  
RESPONSIBILITY IN HIS BEHALF.  
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